Due Wednesday 11/30—Be ready to discuss on Wednesday!

1. Compare the following “Enlightened Despots” (absolutists:
   1. Joseph II
   2. Frederick the Great
   3. Catherine the Great
      1. Give one example how each was “enlightened” and one example how they were absolutist. Who was the most enlightened and why?
      2. Who was the most absolutist , and why”
      3. Who was the most effective, and why?
2. How was “balance of power” important in the 18th Century and to what extent, and why, did the alliances shift between the War of the Austrian Succession and 7 year War?
3. Describe the stages of the disappearance of Poland from Europe.
4. Use one sentence to describe France in the 18th Century?
5. How did the Queen Anne’s death effect politics in England in the 18th Century?
6. What demographics changes took place in the 18th Century and how did that effect “the family?
7. What was the lot of a Peasant and a Noble in 18th Century life,
   1. The good?
   2. The bad?
   3. And The Ugly?
8. Outside of textbook – see below website for more information–(<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/dotcon/historical/bubbles.html>)

What caused the South Seas and Mississippi Bubbles. How were they related? What does the existence of these bubbles tell you about society. trade and finance in Europe in the early 18th century?

1. Alternate History Question
   1. (for last names beginning with a thru l) How might modern day history have been different if Russia had not backed off from Prussia in the 7yr War?
   2. (for last names beginning with m thru z) How might modern day history have been different if France hadn’t allied with Prussia in the War of the Austrian Succession?